

NCAT seeks new community partners for FoodCorps Montana!

The National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) is currently accepting applications from Montana schools, non-profits, or government organizations to host a FoodCorps member from August, 2013 through August, 2014.

FoodCorps is a nationwide team of leaders that connects kids to real food and helps them grow up healthy. As an AmeriCorps service member, these dedicated individuals give a full-time year of public service to help communities

- **Build and tend school gardens; and/or**
- **Conduct hands-on nutrition education such as cooking classes; and/or**
- **Serve more healthy, local food in school meals (Farm to School).**

NCAT is FoodCorps Montana's statewide host site, and is the proud home to an original model for the national FoodCorps program.

What FoodCorps members do:

Day-to-day activities will be determined by the specific needs and opportunities of the community, with input and approval from NCAT and national FoodCorps staff. Sample activities include organizing and hosting local-food meal events, conducting kid-friendly taste-tests of local and healthy foods, leading local farm field trips, and establishing or growing school garden programs. FoodCorps members cannot participate in policy advocacy, lobbying, nor political campaigning. FoodCorps members cannot spend more than 5% of their time fundraising. For a more full picture of typical FoodCorps activities visit our blog, with weekly updates from the field, at www.montanafoodcorps.org.

Who can apply:

FoodCorps members must be placed in schools or non-profit or government organizations with close ties to area schools. The National Center for Appropriate Technology will select up to 6 new host sites using the following criteria.

1. Demonstrated need as determined by:

- percentage of students qualifying for free and reduced lunch
- geographic location in rural, underserved, and/or "food desert" environment

2. Demonstrated community support as determined by:

- any other relevant food systems work in the community, such as farmers markets, community gardens, buying clubs, or food banks
- community leaders who have been involved in food systems work in the past
- willingness and interest of food service director to participate

- willingness and interest of school administrators, and/or school board members
- space, equipment, and/or supplies for a school garden

3. Ability to meet the mandatory requirements for hosting a FoodCorps member, including:

- A site supervisor willing to meet one hour per week with the FoodCorps Member, provide ongoing guidance and support. Site supervisor must also be willing to read and approve FoodCorps weekly reports and other AmeriCorps evaluation documentation, including two progress reports per year. The site supervisor is also required to attend at least one in-person training during the year, and participate in at least two one-hour conference calls or webinars.
- A designated office area for the FoodCorps member, including a designated computer with internet access, phone, and desk.

4. Ability to provide \$5,000 cash match.

- NCAT has a limited amount of “match scholarships” to provide for communities who meet all other requirements. Priority for scholarships goes to communities with compelling need.

Ready to apply?

Read the full application before you apply, here

<https://foodcorps.box.com/s/uzv1mwrco1nh43bqh9xu>. THEN, apply online at <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/2013-foodcorps-servicesite-application/>

Deadline for applying is December 17, 2012.

For questions about Montana’s FoodCorps, visit www.montanafoodcorps.org, email crissiem@ncat.org, or phone at (406) 531-5162.

FINAL NOTE: Selected sites will become part of our broader FoodCorps team, full funding for which will be pending throughout spring of 2013.

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